measures taken within the administrative and financial constraints. The demands of the catering staff have also been dealt with within the framework of this policy.

Transportation of chalk powder from Porbander

232. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from Amrit-sar Rubber & General Industries Association, Amritsar and Paints Manufacturers Association, Amritsar regarding acute shortage of wagons from Porbander to Punjab for the transportation of chalk powder;

(b) if so, what are the details of the representations:

(c) whether Government have taken any action in the matter in view of the non-availability of chalk powder to small scale industries;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when the wagons are going *to* be allotted for transportation of chalk powder to Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pra desh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Representations were received from these associations in March. 85 requesting for allotment of wagons for movement of Chalk Powder from Porbandar to destinations in Punjab.

(c) and (d-) The traffic in question is being offered in piecemeal. In Porbandar area, there are other competing demands for block rakes of Soda Ash, Cement etc. Block rakes get loaded preferentially. Despite this, 83 wagons were loaded for Amritsar since January, 1985 leaving no outstanding demands as on 19th July, 1985.

(e) In view of reply to part (c) and (d) above, this does not arise.

Facilities for mentally retarded persons

233. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mentally retarded persons in each State and Union Territory at present;

(b) what facilities are provided to them and Ihe percentage of able to avail of these facilities: and

(c) the percentage of persoi vere<j under the facilities living in villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) No data is available to indicate the number of Mentally Retarded person in each State/Union Territory at present. The facilities for mental health patients consist of 21019 beds in 46 mental hospitals, and 2000 to 3000 beds in general and teaching hospitals. Psychiatry units and mental hospitals also operate out-patient clinics which are the main sources of mental health services in most cities. A plan has been drawn up for providing basic mental health facilities through community outreach programmes during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare have the following programmes for the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded :_

1. Scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations in the area of disabled.

2. Scheme of scholarships for disable children.